

Appl. No. 10/821,429  
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#### REMARKS

In the Official Action the Examiner rejected Claims 10-13 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by the Gazel-Anthoine reference, U.S. Patent No. 5,167,400. The Examiner indicated that Claim 14 would be allowable if written in independent form, including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, Applicant has canceled all claims with the exception of Claim 14. Claim 14 has been rewritten in independent form, including all the limitation of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests allowance of the application with Claim 14 as the sole claim and sole independent claim and passage of the application to issue in due course.

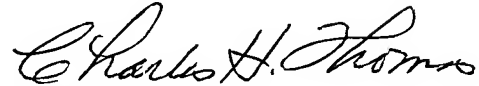
Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) applicant hereby petitions for acceptance of this response in the above identified application within three months following the due date of November 10, 2005. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) applicant encloses herewith a check in the amount of \$510.00 to cover the delayed response fee due from a small entity for a paper filed within three months of the due date. Please charge any underpayment or credit

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